account of popular clamour there was the idea of introducing a piece of legislation which was dropped later on. After careful enquiries Government found that unless there was some voluntary work from non-officials it could not be a success. Without my saying, Hon'ble Members very well know that in India there is no other thing to which a man clings so tenaciously as his ancestral property whatever may be its economic value. People are even prepared to die rather than leave it. That mentality has very adversely acted against any attempt by the department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Was any attempt made in this direction here?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies)*.—An attempt was made in some places. But nobody was prepared to part with one single item of his holding, scattered though they were.

Tax for general purposes—Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality—Collection of.

108. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the balance left uncollected in tax for general purposes on 1st Chingam 1113 (i. e., last year) in the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality;

(2) was there ever such a balance in the history of that Municipality;

(3) on which months the collections were meagre;

(4) what were the collections under this head in that Municipality in the months of Vrischigam, Dhanu and Makaram in 1111 and 1112;

(5) who was the bill-collector in default in the months in which the collections were meagre;

(6) how does he explain for the bad collection ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—(1) Rs. 1,214—5—3.

(2) The balance in previous years ranged from nil to Rs. 1,014—4—10.

(3) Thulam, Vrischigam and Dhanu.

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	1111.	1112.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Vrischigam	61— 0— 8	42—11—4
Dhanu	111— 3— 2	15— 6—7
Makaram	2,062—10—10	1,413—14—5

(5) One Mathew.

(6) He was officiating as bill-collector for 3 months from 2nd Vrischigam 1112 and he was quite new to the place.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the admissibility of appointing persons who know nothing about the locality and retransfer the power of such appointments to the municipality?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—So far as the appointment of Bill Collectors are concerned they are made by the Staff Selection Board itself and in such cases as far as possible only persons within the Municipal areas are selected. In this case, it so happened that Mathew was selected. Probably there was nobody then available from that place.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—It will be found from the answer that this Bill Collector was able to collect only very paltry amounts from a Municipality which has ever been known for its readiness with which it used to pay taxes.

Bifurcation—Tattamangalam from the Chittur Municipality.

109. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has the Government received any representation from the people of Tattamangalam that they should be separated from the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality;

(2) has the Government decided on separation;

(3) if decided, on what basis;

(4) have the people of Tattamangalam complained in their memorial to His Highness that Tattamangalam portion of the Town is not adequately attended to by the Municipality;

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